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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, MAY 1

1. SUN (PAGE 4) HEADLINE "SOVIET HAILS VIET REDS QUIETLY"
DATELINE MOSCOW, REPORTS TASS COMMENTARY WITH OBSERVATION
IT CAREFULLY AVOIDED DENUNCIATION OF THE U.S., APPARENTLY
IN DEFERENCE TO WASHINGTON'S SENSITIVITY AND POSSIBLE
IMPACT ON DETENTE.

SIMILARLY, WP (PAGE 34) HEADLINE "MOSCOW DOWNPLAYS SCALE
OF SETBACK TO U.S." BY PETER OSNOS, NOTES SOVIET
RESTRAINT IN TASS COMMENTARY AND IZVESTIA.

2. WP (PAGE 23) VICTOR ZORZA COLUMN HEADLINE "THE
LOOMING NAVAL ARMS RACE" REFER TO SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT
FORD AND SECRETARY OF THE NAVY MIDDENDORF COMMENTING ON
RECENT SOVIET NAVAL EXERCISE, AND A BROOKINGS INSTITUTE
STUDY ON CONTROL OF NAVAL ARMAMENTS. ZORZA CONCLUDES
SOVIETS HAVE LONG WAY TO GO IN CATCHING UP WITH U.S.,
THOUGH THERE MAY EVENTUALLY BE EFFORTS TO CONTAIN THE
NAVAL RACE.

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3. WP (PAGER F23) JACK ANDERSON COLUMN "SOVIET STAGES

MOCK A-ATTACK ON U.S." REFERRING TO SOVIET NAVAL EXERCISE;

REPORT ALLEGEDLY BASED ON INTERCEPTED MESSAGES.

4. WP AND SUN HAVE BRIEF INSIDE PAGE REUTERS REPORT
FROM PRAGUE TO EFFECT THAT IT APPEARS BREZHNEV WILL
NOT MAKE EXPECTED VISIT TO PRAGUE FOR V-E DAY
CELEBRATIONS. KISSINGER

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